GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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KEROSENE CRISES IN ORISSA
PRABHAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are aware of the severe crisis of kerosene in flood affected areas of Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have initiated steps to enhance allocation of kerosene to Orissa to meet the demand; and

(d) if so, the details of steps taken to ensure the smooth and proper distribution of kerosene in the flood affected areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a),(b),(c) and (d): In view of the situation arising out of the floods, the Government of India have made an additional allocation of 5000 KL (3891MT) of kerosene in the month ofJuly,2001 to the State of Orissa. However, since the State could not uplift the entire additional allocation during July,2001, the Union Government have made an allocation of 2500 MT in August, 2001 in lieu of the quantity of kerosene lapsed out of 5000 KL sanctioned in July, 2001.